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**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27,  
2010 AS "ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to the growth and  
prosperity of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the  
country in the past decade have come from the creative efforts  
of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of  
commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become  
entrepreneurs every day, joining more than twenty million self-  
employed people that together make up more than seventy-five  
percent of the nation's businesses; and

WHEREAS, the *Partnership for 21st Century Skills*  
identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as a content area

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1 critical to success in communities and workplaces in the  
2 twenty-first century; and

3 WHEREAS, more than seventy percent of young Americans  
4 envision starting a business or engaging in some  
5 entrepreneurial activity as adults; and

6 WHEREAS, the national governor's association supports  
7 connecting education with economic growth industries,  
8 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation  
9 are the growth engines of the economy; and

10 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations under  
11 the umbrella of the youth entrepreneurship network in New  
12 Mexico and nationwide are actively engaged in enhancing  
13 entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and  
14 cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurial  
15 education; and

16 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to get excited about  
17 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills  
18 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults can lead youth  
19 to become successful entrepreneurs in the future; and

20 WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education and activities are  
21 crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state  
22 and the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network,  
24 composed of more than forty career, technical and other student  
25 organizations, offers an array of programs, activities and

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1 competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives  
3 resolved to recognize annually a national entrepreneurship  
4 week, which this year occurs from February 20, 2010 through  
5 February 27, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, recognizing the same week as "Entrepreneurship  
7 Week" in New Mexico provides an opportunity to focus on the  
8 innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring  
9 together the core academic, technical and problem-solving  
10 skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful  
11 workers in future workplaces;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of  
14 February 20, 2010 through February 27, 2010 be recognized as  
15 "Entrepreneurship Week" in New Mexico.

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